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Foreign Minister asked me to see him this evening. He wanted to discuss modus operandi of Argentine armed forces in Cuban quarantine operation. Muniz handed me an aide-memoire which on scanning I said I would like to regard as informal until I had an opportunity to consult my government. Following is free translation:

QUOTE:

I. The Argentine Republic, as is publically known, offers its aid and will participate in carrying out the quarantine against delivery of offensive arms and material to Cuba; a quarantine which was initiated by Government of United States in accord with paragraph 2 of resolution of October 23, 1962 of COAS, acting provisionally as consultative organ.

II. (We) are in agreement with suggestions formulated by US diplomatic representation (here) as to form in which Argentine participation should be carried out; interpreting them as follows:

1. Any negotiation which might involve engagements of government to government or modify missions of Argentine forces will be transmitted by diplomatic channels, with the speed which circumstances demand.

2. In their participation in quarantine under reference Argentine military units will act with US and other states members of

inter-American system
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inter-American system as combined forces and to this end officers of Argentine armed forces will be integrated into combined staff which may be established by said combined forces.

3. Once, through diplomatic channel, agreement has been reached on this offer or on modifications which circumstances might suggest, execution will be carried out directly between respective Ministries of Defense and armed forces concerned.

III. It remains understood that mission of assigning combined forces -- with means participation in quarantine -- does not compromise liberty of action of USA in adopting individual measures in conformity with that authorized by COAS acting provisionally as organ of consultation under resolution of October 23, 1962.

UNQUOTE

I told Minister this seemed acceptable, but that I should have to consult my government as to paragraph 2 of his aide-memoire on "combined forces". Muniz replied that all Argentina wanted was an Argentine officer in some combined staff capacity. This seems reasonable; but as yet we are in dark as to command arrangements envisaged for Caribbean undertaking. It would certainly be good diplomacy if our task force commanders could have on board Latin American officers. Muniz emphasized that Argentina did not want a command post but merely representation.

We left matter that I would consult my government and if Department's reaction was favorable I should reply by an exchange of notes. I recommend acceptance and would appreciate affirmative instructions.

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